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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, James P. Romano, entitled Portable Credit Card and Check Verifying Apparatus, for a(n):

() Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional (X) Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior Application No. 09/689,128, filed on 10/12/2000.

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 8 Total Pages.

(X) Drawing(s); 2 Total Sheets.

(X) Oath or Declaration:

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed.

() Unsigned.

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() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

() Power of Attorney.

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

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(X) A Check in the amount of \$395.00 for the Filing Fee.

() Preliminary Amendment.

() Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

(X) Status as a Small Entity is hereby claimed

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

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Assignment Recording Fee (if applicable)				\$40.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$355.00
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